

REMARKS

This Response and Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 8, 2004. Applicant elects Group I including claims 1-36 and 43. This election is without traverse. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to non-elected claims.

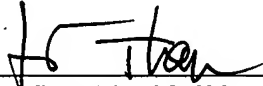
Applicant has cancelled the non-elected claims. Applicant has added new claims 44-48, all of which are dependent from claim 1 of the elected group. As no new matter is believed to be introduced, Applicant respectfully requests entry of new claims 44-48.

In light of the preceding, Applicant believes that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be greatly appreciated. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record if he believes that such a call would materially advance the prosecution and eventual allowance of the present application.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with the submission of this Response and Preliminary Amendment. If any other fee is due, the Commissioner may charge appropriate fees to H.T. Than Law Group, Deposit Account No. 50-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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